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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] SA/DD/A
THRU : Acting Chief of Logistics
FROM : [REDACTED] TR&PS/IO
SUBJECT : Space Problems of GPO-State Service Printing Plant

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1. The problem of loss of space and possible interruption to production in the GPO-State Service printing plant caused by alterations to South Building has been looked into as requested by Col. White. As you know, you, [REDACTED] and myself met with [REDACTED] on 27 September 1954 to discuss this entire problem with him. This discussion brought out that some production problems are caused by this construction work. [REDACTED] stated, however, that he is able to keep in practically full production and asked only that he be advised well in advance of any work which would actually interfere with production in any part of the plant. In several instances sufficient notification was not given of such work. [REDACTED] also stated that the steps taken to assure uninterrupted production were satisfactory only as temporary measures and will not do for permanent operation of the plant.

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2. There follows answers to the specific questions asked by Col. White with respect to this problem:

a. Space Lost During Construction

So far, the only space which the plant has lost as result of this construction work is a vault (room 227) on the second floor of the building. This room contained a total of 70 square feet of space. [REDACTED] complained that insufficient notice was given with respect to the loss of the use of this room, resulting in confusion in relocating material previously stored in the room. [REDACTED] of Real Estate and Construction Division is about to make available to GPO another vault (room 236) containing the same amount of space which has recently become available.

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Otherwise, the only space which has been lost is a small portion of the bindery where the entrance of the tunnel has been cut through the north basement wall. Arrangements have been made with GPO officials to vacate this entire room

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during the construction period by relocating the paper cutter in another room and moving the balance of the bindery operation to Building 7.

b. Space Which Can Be Made Available

As mentioned above, room 236 can be made available and other space in South Building can also be made available on a temporary basis. All space which is made available to GPO above the basement in South Building will be on a temporary basis and will have to be vacated when the floors are carpeted or at the time the DCI and his components occupy the building.

25X1A Additional space is being readied in Building 7. GPO will move a portion of the bindery into this space and will operate it here during construction. The space now occupied by the portion of the bindery, which is to be vacated during construction, will be available for vault space or storage. [REDACTED] states that this space will be used for storage and seasoning of paper. The necessary alterations required to ready this room should be done by GPO rather than the Agency.

c. Space Lost After Construction is Completed

All of the vault space in South Building which GPO has been using in the past will be lost to them as a result of these alterations and the occupancy of the building by the DCI. This amounts to four (4) vaults, totaling 275 square feet of space. The only other space which will be lost to the plant after the construction work is completed is a small portion of the bindery and wrapping room and the probable loss of the use of the East corridor. This corridor has been used for storing paper and printed work during the daytime. It is possible that the use of the basement entrance and the tunnel by the DCI components will eliminate the storing of any printed work in this space and it is also possible that skids of blank paper may no longer be stored in this space.

d. Effect of Construction on Plant Production

25X1A The construction work has had a small adverse effect on plant production by workmen having access to the workrooms and by the actual construction work being done in the workrooms. However, [REDACTED] does not seem to think that production will be affected too greatly by this work except for cut-offs of utilities.

e. How Much Will Construction Slow Down Plant Production

The best estimate is that plant production will not be effected to any great extent other than at certain periods when utilities are off and construction work is being done in the work space. It is estimated that actual loss of production will not exceed 10 percent. In this connection, it is pointed out that the NIS workload which had been at an all-time peak during the summer has now leveled off, resulting in less demand on the plant. In order to avoid further interruption to production, it may be necessary at times to defer construction work temporarily until crash jobs are completed. Arrangements for such situations have been made with Real Estate and Construction Division.

f. What Can We Do To Assist in This Matter

25X1A Everything that can be done is being done. The Real Estate and Construction Division, the Printing and Reproduction Division, and myself have been in constant touch with Mr. [REDACTED] and have taken all possible steps to assure continued production during the period of construction. Mr. Garrison and myself discussed this matter with the Public Printer and other GPO officials and offered to do the NIS binding [REDACTED] during the construction period. While this offer was not accepted, we did, at this meeting, work out plans for the operation of the plant during this period. We arranged with GPO to move the bindery to Building 7 and have arranged with Real Estate and Construction Division to give [REDACTED] advance notice of work which will interfere with production. 25X1A This had not been done in two instances and was the cause for complaint. Arrangements have been made with the main GPO to furnish [REDACTED] paper on request, thus making it unnecessary for him to stock large quantities of paper in the space available to him.

g. Security Problems

25X1A Security problems are presented by this construction work in that the workmen who must have access to the workrooms are uncleared. However, arrangements have been made with [REDACTED] to provide for the securing of work whenever uncleared personnel are in a particular area. A security problem was presented by the opening in the north wall but this situation has been remedied.

3. There is little else that can be done to assist the plant during the period of construction. It is emphasized, however, that all measures which have been taken are of a temporary nature and do not pretend to present a permanent solution to any of the problems. Adjustments will be necessary, but it is felt that permanent solution should await the completion of the survey of classified printing problems which the Joint Committee on Printing is to make. This study is sure to have some bearing on the permanent status of this plant.

It is pointed out that this plant has for some time been operating in inadequate space and the Agency has had no space to offer to alleviate this situation. If the use of the East corridor is lost to the plant for storage, as expected, and no suitable space is available to replace the lost vault space, the space situation is serious and not good for permanent operation. The loss of a small amount of space is a serious situation for this operation and should be corrected by the relocation of this plant in more suitable space. The loss of the vault space above the basement in South Building and the use of the bindery space for storage would mean that a portion of the bindery would have to be permanently located in Building 7. This is not a good situation from a production or security standpoint. Further, [redacted] states that AEC objects to the relocation of the bindery from a security standpoint. A solution to the space and security problems caused by these alterations should be forthcoming as soon as the construction work is finished and the DCI and his components occupy South Building. While this is not the responsibility of the Agency, we do have a vital interest in the efficiency and security of this plant.

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